progressed as per availability of resources. As on 1-4-2003, there are 122 ongoing projects of New Line and Gauge Conversion which are yet to be completed, requiring about Rs. 34,600 crore for their completion.

(c) and (d) There has been substantial increase in the outlays for projects during 2003-04 in comparison to previous years. Efforts are being made to increase extra budgetary resources to expedite completion of projects.

Employment/Development through Special Purpose Vehicle

4469. MISS MABEL REBELLO :
SHRI B.J. PANDA :
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how much employment would be generated through Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV);

(b) its impact on all round development;

(c) stations propsed to be covered in Orissa in these rail links;

(d) whether Special Purpose Vehicle would be funded by bonds issued if any, on the lines of Konkan Railway Development Bond; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (e) Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) are units for achieving specific purposes. It is, therefore, not possible to assess generation of employment, all round development, stations covered and possibility of funding by bonds, unless, the SPV is identified.

Compensation for Lost Luggage/Goods

4470. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways are reponsible for luggage loss or theft of luggages on trains;

(b) if so, the details of procedure devised for claiming the loss of luggage in the custody of passengers and goods booked with the Railways; and

(c) the compensation paid by the Railways on this account during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Railway administration is responsible for loss or theft of booked luggage only.

(b) In the case of booked luggage, the claim can be filed either by the consignee/the endorsed consignee or the consignor/any other agent on production of authority from the consignee.

Claims for compensation should be made on the prescribed proforma to the General Manager or Chief Commercial Manager or Chief Claims Officer or at station goods shed or at parcel office either at booking Railway or destination Railway or the railway on which loss or theft has occurred. Claims should be filed within six months from the date of booking with necessary documents like Railway Receipt, Beejuck or Sale invoice of the goods, etc.

(c) Compensation amounting to Rs. 921.64 lakhs was paid for loss or theft of goods, parcel and luggage during 2002-03.

Extension of Rail Lines in Uttaranchal

4471. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of Railways for extension of Railway lines in Uttaranchal State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work for new rail lines is to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (c) An updating Survey for new line from Kiccha to Khatima has been completed and proposal has been processed for necessary approvals.

Demand of Wagons

4472. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Western Railway is unable to meet the demand of wagons required by onion, lime stone, cement, salt associations etc. in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and